

**Present:** Dwight Baker; Andy Bennett; Hans Brandal, Vice-Chair; Ray Day, Jr.; Dave Elliott; John Jensen; Anirudh Sahni, Chair; Joan Sells; Mike Taylor

**Excused:** John Coney; Sandy Paul-Lyle; Holly Plackett

**Staff:** Barbara de Michele, Community Relations Planner; Mike DeCapua, Metro manager of Homeland Security

Chair Anirudh Sahni opened the meeting at 6:05 p.m.

### **Homeland Security**

DeCapua gave an excellent overview of the steps Metro is taking with regional, state and interstate agencies to deal with terrorism, natural disasters and hazardous situations. He cited numerous field exercises that have taken place, or that are planned for the future, and listed “lessons learned” from each exercise.

Day raised the point that Metro’s Six Year Plan does not include any strategies for safety and security. DeCapua agreed and said the next Six Year Plan will likely reflect a different focus. De Michele, on behalf of Plackett, raised the issue of passenger drills. DeCapua said that Metro has indeed conducted numerous drills, using civilian volunteers to play various roles and test a variety of escape routes. Metro is considering producing a video that would address evacuation procedures. The video would be played on CTV and made available to a broad range of community groups. DeCapua also said that Metro needs to continually encourage passengers to be “the eyes and ears” of the organization, and cited several examples of averted tragedies due to passengers reporting “unusual” happenings.

DeCapua said he would come back in six months and give the group an update.

### **Discussion of Jan Drago’s Visit**

Members reviewed Seattle City Councilmember Jan Drago’s visit to TAC in September, focusing especially on her remarks regarding advertising on bus shelters. Day and Brandal said they’ve seen advertising on Sounder shelters from Auburn through Seattle, and that the advertising is tasteful and eye-catching. TAC members asked de Michele to prepare a report on Metro’s progress on this issue, including a report on possible bus shelter providers.

### **CAC Conference**

Sahni reported on the statewide Citizens Advisory Committee Conference held in the Tri-Cities. Brandal was also attended the first day. The conference attracted 80 attendees from eleven CACs. Most attendees were from western Washington State. Sahni reviewed several ideas that he had heard during the conference, and members agreed to review his notes and re-visit them at the next TAC meeting. Taylor said he would especially like to pursue the idea of local radio stations running PSAs just giving Metro’s main phone number and website. He suggested that the TAC could write a

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letter to all local stations asking them to highlight this information. Sahni also noted that most other transit agencies provided CAC members with bus passes.

### **Legislative Forum**

Members discussed a possible Legislative Forum to be held in early December. The preferred speaker would be Julia Patterson, chair of the King County Council Transportation Committee, and a member of both the Sound Transit and RTID boards. Other speakers could be staff representing those agencies, or elected officials on the ST and RTID boards. [Note: Potential date based on room availability is Friday, December 1].

### **Retreat**

Members established Saturday, January 6, as their preferred date for a TAC retreat. De Michele will look into reserving a meeting room at the Renton TOD.

### **RTC**

Anirudh Sahni will attend the next Regional Transit Committee meeting on October 18.

### **Committee Business**

Day reported on a construction tour he took with ST Link Light Rail and said it was very informative. Tours are being offered every month, and he encouraged everyone to take advantage of this opportunity. Taylor reported on an upcoming "Odyssey" conference on energy efficiency being held at Shoreline Community College. Bennett gave an update on Kitsap Transit's plans for a passenger-only ferry route (on the November ballot) as well as a preliminary proposal for a passenger-only ferry district for King County.

### **Adjournment**

Sahni adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m.